

Notice of Allowability

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09/843,882

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on October 3, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on October 3, 2006. Claims 1-23 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-23 allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest, in the manner and combination recited in each of independent claims 1, 11, 16 and 23, in a method or system for migrating data, calculating a change in a rate of moving or in a rate of movement of a set of data, and modifying or adjusting the rate of moving or the rate of movement of the set of data in accordance with or according to the calculated change, as reflected in the Board's decision.

Sakaki discloses, "The speed of data migration can be adjusted based upon the utilization of the resources of the information processing system and information of the priority of access to the new storage system by the CPU" (abstract). Specifically, Sakaki discloses, "Based on the order of the priority of sequence of data migration and the various resource information, a judgment is performed to determine whether migration speed should be changed" (column 8, lines 32-35). The "various resource information" includes the "average queuing time of the command chains for data migration" and the "sum of the existence of contentions of command chains," both of which are calculated values (column 8, lines 15-31). Thus, Sakaki calculates values and changes the data migration speed according to the calculated values.

However, as reflected in the Board's opinion (decision, page 6), although Sakaki changes the speed at which data is migrated, there is no teaching or suggestion that Sakaki calculates a change in the rate at which the data is migrated.

4. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Yigdall whose telephone number is (571) 272-3707. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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